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SUBJECT: TEA -- NEWS REPORT OF PROPOSED MEETING OF TEA
PRODUCERS

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1. JANUARY 2 FINANCIAL TIMES CARRIED A SHORT ITEM
DATE-LINED NEW DEHLI, DECEMBER 31 TO EFFECT THAT
MINISTERS FROM TEA EXPORTING COUNTRIES WILL MEET
AT COLOMBO IN FEBRUARY TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF AN
INTERNATIONAL TEA AGREEMENT "WHICH WILL PROTECT THEIR
INTERESTS WHILE PROMOTING THE CONSUMPTION OF TEA IN
THE WORLD."

2. ITEM NOTED THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SRI LANKA
TEA BOARD, AJIT GOONETILLEKE, IS IN NEW DE/I TO WORK
UP PLANS FOR THE MAETING WITH INDIAN OFFICIALS.

3. COMMENT: AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, A UK MISSION
HEADED BY MICHAEL MADDEN OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RECENTLY COMPLETED A FACT-FINDING TOUR OF TEA PRODUCING
NATIONS. MADDEN SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT
HE FELT THERE WAS LITTLE INTEREST AMONG TEA PRODUCERS
AT THIS TIME IN NEGOTIATING AN INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY
AGREEMENT FOR TEA, I.E., A TRADITIONAL PRODUCER-

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